

WEST VALLEY CITY, UTAH

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE RELOCATION
OF THE UTAH STATE PRISON TO THE
PROPOSED LOCATION AT THE INTERCHANGE
OF INTERSTATE 80 AND 7200 WEST.**

WHEREAS, the State of Utah has formed the Prison Relocation Commission to explore options to relocate the Utah State Prison from its current location in Draper; and

WHEREAS, the Prison Relocation Commission is considering at Interstate 80 at the 7200 West interchange (the “Proposed Location”); and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Location is located adjacent to the City’s prime industrial development area, where three million square feet of Class A industrial space is currently under construction or slated for construction within the next five years; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Location will be accessed through the City and is located at one of the City’s primary gateways; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Location would threaten ongoing economic development efforts in the northwestern quadrant of the City, efforts which have spurred private investment of hundreds of millions of dollars in the City and which promise to greatly increase the City’s tax base and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Location would harm the City’s image, greatly hindering the City’s efforts to publicize the economic, residential, and cultural opportunities available in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Prison Relocation Commission has found that relocating the state prison to the Proposed Location would require the construction of tens of millions of dollars in infrastructure improvements in addition to the costs of prison construction; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Location, like the current location, is very near a major interstate highway and significant interchange that is likely to develop in the future; and

WHEREAS, other potential relocation sites have found substantial support from nearby communities and stakeholders, making those sites a better fit for the ultimate location of the state prison; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that moving the prison 20 miles northwest of its current location would neither address the concerns of the Prison Relocation Commission nor avoid the creation of the social and economic dislocation caused by the prison at its current location in Draper; and

WHEREAS, the economic and social consequences caused by the prison in Draper and which have motivated Draper to advocate for relocation of the prison would be realized in any other location in the Salt Lake Valley, and will certainly be realized at the Proposed Location; and

WHEREAS, the City Council does hereby determine that it is in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of West Valley City to emphatically and unequivocally oppose the relocation of the state prison to the Proposed Location;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of West Valley City, Utah, as follows:

- 1) West Valley City opposes and strenuously objects to the relocation of the state prison to the Interstate 80/7200 West site.
- 2) West Valley City encourages the Prison Relocation Commission to consider the impact of the relocation on surrounding communities and to choose a site compatible with the wishes of surrounding communities and stakeholders. In particular, West Valley City encourages the Prison Relocation Commission to consider economic development currently underway, such as the development in the northwest quadrant of the City, and to avoid disrupting ongoing economic development which provides employment opportunities.
- 3) West Valley City encourages surrounding cities and stakeholders to join the City in opposing a site that is neither economically feasible nor compatible with the interests of the surrounding community.

PASSED, APPROVED, and MADE EFFECTIVE this 6th day of January, 2015.

WEST VALLEY CITY

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY RECORDER